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State Transport

* 78 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any 'time table and guide' in respect of the City State Transport is published; and

(*b*) if so, the cost of it?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The cost of the bus guide (1960 edition) is thirty naye Paise per copy.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I to understand, Sir, that copies of these time-tables are available now?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir, they are available now.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are they, Sir, with reference to the timings of the buses running within the City, and is there any set of particulars for tourists that may come to the City?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I saw a copy of it this morning, but I am sorry I have not brought one with me now. This gives the timings for the long distance buses throughout the State, and there are also some rules and regulations included in it regarding baggage free allowance and so on.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government think of the desirability of publishing such a time-table and guide in respect of the City buses as has been published by the Bangalore Transport?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is not possible to publish the timings of buses running within the city.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government at any time attempt to do it in the interest of the people coming into this City?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : In a City service it is difficult to give any timings with buses running at intervals of three to five minutes. And secondly there may be overlapping of routes in the same stand. For instance, in a stand like Mount Road as many as sixty buses pass by at the same time. I do not think it is possible.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government have any occasion to study the guide printed by the Bangalore Transport Service and how they keep their buses running according to the time-table?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not know what happens in Bangalore. I have said it is not possible to do it at Madras.